

**STEPHENS COUNTY HONOR GUARD
MINUTES FOR October 27, 2017**

The meeting was called to order by Commander Dan Mitchell at 19:01 hrs at the American Legion Hall, Comanche, OK. Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag recited. Invocation was given by Rick Duncan. Attendance. Officers: Dan Mitchell, Commander, Johnny Seely, Vice Commander, Danny Johnson, Armorer, Garry McCain, Secretary/Treasurer; Members: Gary Stinson, George Parker, Kenneth Youngblood, Rick Duncan, John Williams, Jerry McAdory, Steve Condit.
Quorum achieved: 4 officers, 7 members, 11 Total.
Auxiliaries: Pat Johnson, Mary Williams

Guest: Desiree Miller presented her application to join the Stephens County Honor Guard. Her qualification met the requirements for membership. Candidate was escorted from the room. Discussion on Candidate and a motion to accept was made by George Parker, second by Rick Duncan. Motion carried.

A second guest, Larry Welch, sponsored by Kenneth Youngblood and Gary Stinson, also asked about joining SCHG. He gave a brief bio of his military service. Candidate was asked to leave the room prior to discussion. A motion was made to accept him pending a review of his DD214 and a completed application by Kenneth Youngblood with a second by Gary Stinson. Motion Carried.
Both candidates were brought back into the meeting and welcomed to the group.

Minutes from September 2017 meeting were accepted as printed.
Financial reports from Septem2017 were accepted.

Report of Officers:

Armorer's Report: Nothing to report. Danny did say that if anyone was interested in assisting him and learning more about the duties of the Armorer he would be willing to train them. Kenneth Youngblood and Jerry McAdory both volunteered to help.

Vice Commander's Report: No report but Johnny Seely offered thanks to the other officers for their assistance in conducting the business meetings during the absence of Commander Mitchell. He also thanked the membership for their prayers during his medical treatments.

Secretary/Treasurer's Report: Still waiting to hear from IRS on tax status. It has been suggested that we contact Tom Cole's office for assistance.

Commander's Report: Commander Mitchell offered thanks to the officers for their assistance during his time away. This time was due to the Shoulder Replacement Surgery of his wife, Susan. She is healing properly and doing great.

There are several events in the near future that Commander Mitchell addressed. First is the November 4th Veteran's Day Parade. Second is the November 10th Presentation for the area 5th Grade School classes at the Heritage Park in Duncan. Finally November 11 we have been asked by WalMart to conduct a flag presentation in honor of Veterans Day.

Speakers: None

Old Business:

- George Parker said we need to order a gold eagle staff head as a replacement for a broken one. Commander Mitchell will take care of this.

New Business:

- George Parker asked that the amount of money left in the charity account include the usual \$1,500 plus an additional \$500 to cover the cost of a tent/canopy. After discussion it was decided that since the equipment will be purchased from the general fund account this is not necessary.
- The floor was opened for discussion on what charities SCHG would contribute to this year. After a time of discussion a motion was made by George Parker, seconded by Kenneth Youngblood that SCHG donate \$2,500 to the Lawton/Ft. Sill veteran's center, \$1,500 to the American Legion Temporary Financial Assistance program and \$1,500 to the Salvation Army. Motion Carried.
- The Charity Committee was reappointed to serve for 2018.

Good and Welfare

- Rick Duncan passed out information on the Model Railroad Club's Open House and invited the membership to attend.
- Garry McCain gave information on the new access granted veteran's to the online Exchange shopping starting in November of this year.

Benediction and Adjournment: Rick Duncan offered the benediction. Johnny Seely motioned to adjourn the meeting; Kenneth Young seconded. Vote was unanimous. Meeting was adjourned at 20:12 hrs.

Respectfully submitted,

Garry McCain
Secretary/Treasurer